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# KICKOFF TO College Applications

CLASS OF 2022

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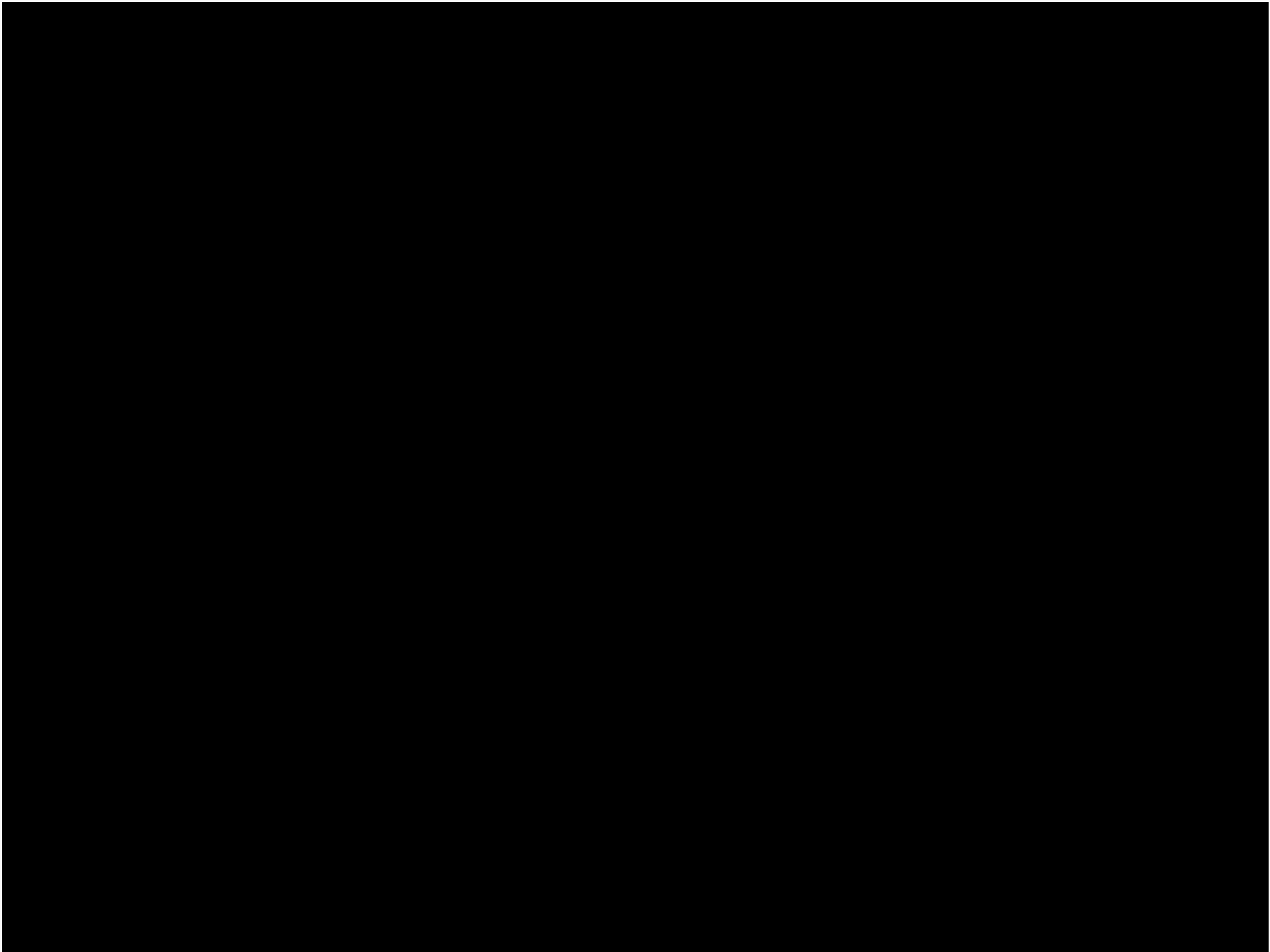
HAVE YOU  
STARTED  
LOOKING AT  
COLLEGES  
YET?

GUIDANCE  
COUNSELOR



So What's Changed?!

How it started:



So What's Changed?!

vs. how it's going....





How do we get out of this “hole”





# Explore Your Options



- APPRENTICESHIP
- VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
- 2-YEAR COLLEGE
- 4-YEAR COLLEGE
- EMPLOYMENT
- MILITARY

# College Application: Your Responsibilities

## **MANAGE AND OWN THE PROCESS YOURSELF**

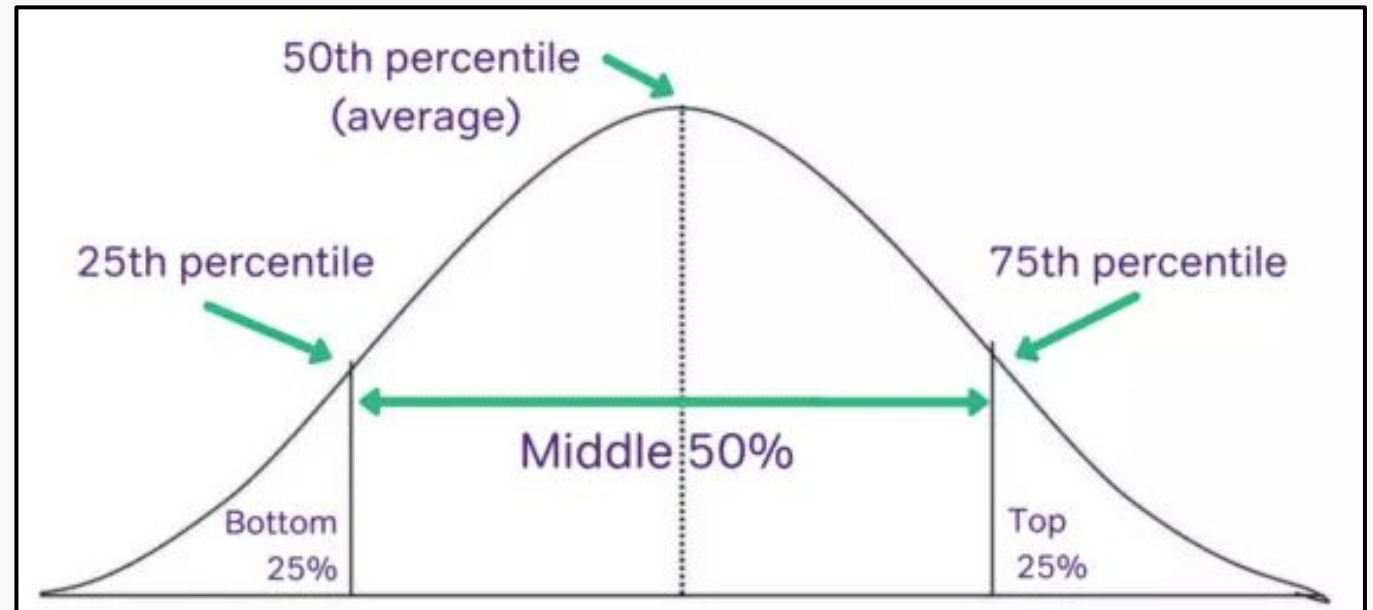
- Decide on final list of colleges (4-6 recommended).
- Obtain the college applications.
- Complete the applications.
- Organize and secure other information required.

# Parent & Counselor Responsibilities

Provide	Support
Provide	Guidance
Provide	Assistance

# Deciding Where To Apply

- It's about personal '**FIT**' (size, population, setting, programs, etc.)
- Final list must include a combination of:
  - *Reach schools (1-2)*
  - *Match schools (1-2)*
  - *Safety schools (1-2)*



Why

like?

Location	Academics
Distance from home Weather Off-campus setting Geography: beaches, mountains, etc.	Majors offered Academic reputation Teaching style Classes outside your major Class size
Campus	Social Life
Size Atmosphere Dorms Diversity Cost (tuition, room, board, fees) Financial aid	Clubs, sports and recreational opportunities Art scene Greek life Sports Going to college with friends from high school
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# Admission Options

- **Rolling Admissions** – apply in the fall/early winter and receive decision within 8 weeks after application is submitted.
- **Early Action/Priority** – apply in the fall (occasionally early winter) and receive a decision in the winter. Applying by a priority deadline can often give a student an advantage when space is limited.
- **Regular Decision** – apply in the fall/early winter and receive decision on a specific date in the spring.
- **ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE NON-BINDING – MAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECISIONS**

# Binding Admission Options

- **Early Decision** – students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted, they will definitely enroll. The application and decision deadline occur early. Commitment is BINDING.
- **Restrictive Early Action** – apply in the fall, admitted in early winter, student has until May 1<sup>st</sup> to deposit. Commitment is non-binding.
  - *Can usually only apply to one private school REA*

***\*Students may only submit 1 application Early Decision or Restrictive Early Action***

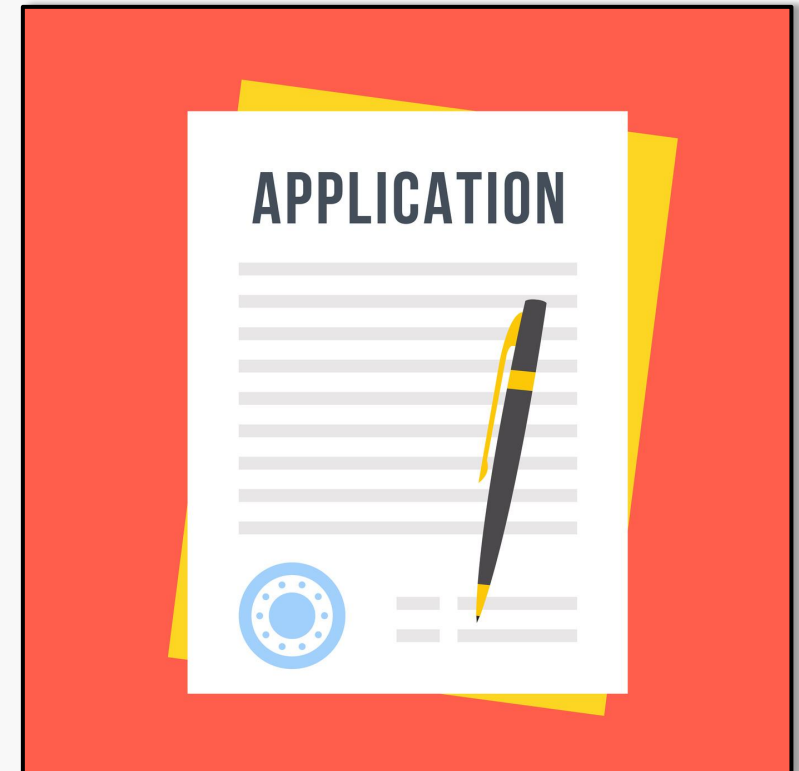


# Early Decision (ED) & Restrictive Early Action (REA)

- ED and REA policies are taken very seriously by colleges.
- Be sure you know the expectations within each school's policies.
- If unsure, PLEASE speak with the college admissions representative from that school.
- Students should work with counselors throughout this process.

# Pieces Of The College Application

- Completed application
- Application fee – credit card, check or fee waiver request
- Official transcript (Parchment)
- Test scores
- Letter of Recommendation
  - *2-3 weeks in advance*
  - *Teacher*
  - *Counselor and/or Secondary School Report*
- Essay
- Auditions/Portfolios (if applicable)
- Interviews (optional)



# Applications

- Applications are available on college websites.
- Keep track of username and password for each.
- Common Application used by 900 colleges and universities across the country
  - *Create an account at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)*
  - *Large FAQ section and video tutorials*
  - *Most schools have individual supplements which must be submitted*
- Coalition Application
  - *Newer application type that allows students to apply to multiple colleges, similar to Common App*
  - *135 schools across the country*
- No preference on which application is completed.



# Applications

- School Forms on Common Application
  - *‘Invite’ teacher(s) to write a recommendation*
  - *This initiates process for teachers, who can then submit letters online or on paper*
  - *‘Invite’ your counselor – KEY STEP – allows counselor to submit your school forms online*
    - Transcripts will then be sent for all schools applying under the Common Application
- **MEET WITH YOUR TEACHER/COUNSELOR BEFORE YOU INVITE THEM!**

# Extra Information For The Common Application

- Class rank reporting = NONE
- Graduating Class Size: 542
- Counselor's Fax Number (847) 755-4904
- Each class per semester = .5 credit
- Graduation Date = May 24, 2022
- GPA Scale = 4.0 (ALWAYS)
- We strongly recommend that students waive their right to access any letters of recommendation submitted on their behalf.

# Transcripts

- Official Transcripts must be requested online at [Parchment.com](https://Parchment.com) – Student email accounts have additional information.
- Give at least 5 days notice to receive a Transcript – Be mindful of Thanksgiving and Winter Break.
- Transcripts will be sent directly to the school OR you can request to pick up the transcript (i.e. local scholarship applications).
- Some schools have “self-reporting” transcript process.
- Only send transcripts when necessary.
- Beginning in 2012-13 school year, District 211 eliminated class rank from report cards and transcripts.
- This information is clearly stated in our School Profile, which is attached to every transcript that we send to schools.

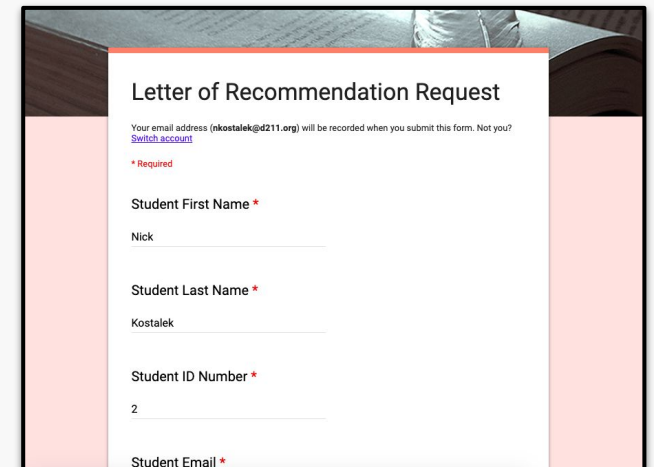
# Test Scores

- ACT/SAT scores may be on school transcripts.
- Most colleges/universities request testing scores be sent directly from testing agency.
  - *[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)*
  - *[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)*
- May take 3 – 6 weeks - so request scores early.
- If taking SAT this Fall, consider sending one score now if it falls within publish range.
- Some schools may not consider application complete without a testing score.
- Most schools will take either the ACT or SAT.



# Letters of Recommendation

- Check to see if you even need a letter to be sent before requesting.
- Ask teachers/counselors at least 3 weeks before any deadline.
- Complete “Recommendation Letter Request” through Google.
- Don’t forget to write/email “thank you” to each recommender.
- If schools don’t require a recommendation don’t send one!
  - *U of I example*



The image shows a screenshot of a web form titled "Letter of Recommendation Request". At the top, it states: "Your email address (nkostalek@d211.org) will be recorded when you submit this form. Not you?" with a link to "Switch account". Below this, there are four required fields, each marked with a red asterisk: "Student First Name" (with the text "Nick" entered), "Student Last Name" (with the text "Kostalek" entered), "Student ID Number" (with the text "2" entered), and "Student Email". The form is set against a background image of a desk with a lamp.

# The Essay

- Aside from your transcript and test scores the essay/personal statement is the most important part of your application.
- Your essays are a chance for you to give admission officers a better idea of your character and strengths.
  - *What makes you different?*
  - *What experiences can you share?*
- Remember to proofread your essays carefully before you send them out.
- Use English Tutoring and/or your English teacher to help you proof your essay.
- [SHS Essay Guide](#)

# SCHAUMBURG HS ESSAY GUIDE



**TIPS & TRICKS FOR WRITING YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT**

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# Application Fees

- College Application Fees vary, but generally range from \$35 to \$50 to apply to each college.
- Fees are nonrefundable.
- **Fee Waivers:**
  - *Students on free and reduced book/lunch program are eligible for Fee Waivers.*
  - *Families for whom the application fees are a hardship may be eligible for Fee Waivers.*
  - *Forms are available from your counselor and you should meet with your counselor to discuss eligibility.*

# Financial Aid Information

## ■ FAFSA Completion Workshop

- *Saturday, October 9th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*
- *SHS Computer Labs (Room 209s & 213s)*
- *Multiple ISAC representatives*

## ■ Please bring:

- *Social Security Number*
- *Federal Tax Returns, W-2's, and other records of money earned*
- *Banking statements and records of investments*
- *Records of untaxed income*
- *A FSA ID to sign electronically (this can be created beforehand at [fsa.ed.gov](https://fsa.ed.gov))*
  - *Students and parents need their own FSA ID*



# Scholarship Information

## ■ National

- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)
- [www.collegezone.com](http://www.collegezone.com)

## ■ Local

- SHS maintains a list of local scholarship opportunities as we are notified of them.

## ■ University

- The largest scholarships are typically offered by universities. Academic, special talents, athletic.

# College Events

- **College Rep Visits**

- Listing of schools, dates, and times listed on Schoology

- **First Generation College Symposium**

- Palatine High School
- Thursday, September 16 from 6:30 - 8:30pm

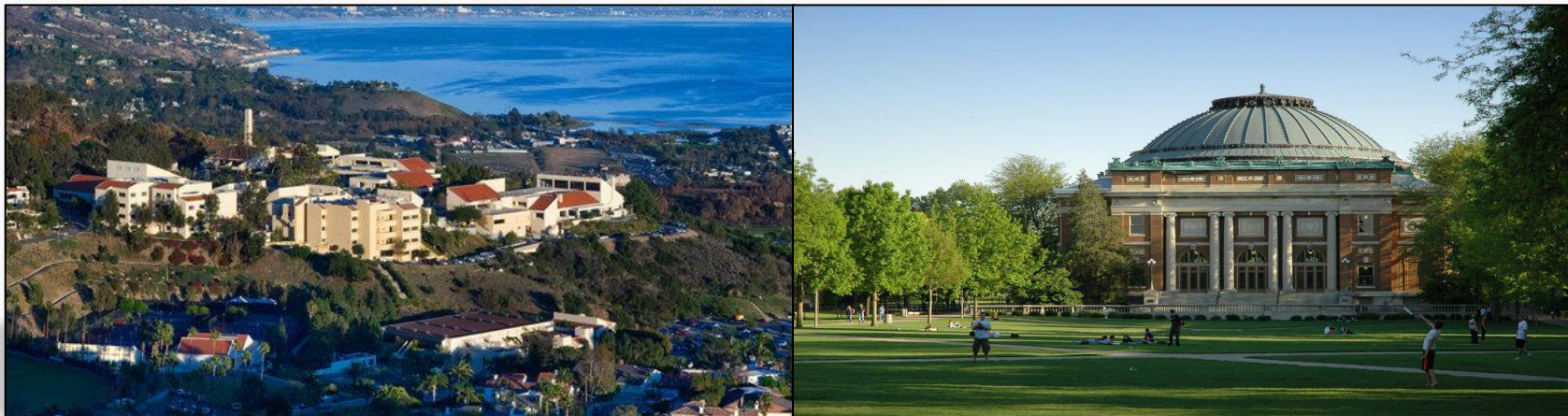
- **District 211 College Night**

- Palatine High School
- Tuesday, October 5 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- More information to come!



# College Visits

- Seniors are entitled to two (2) days as excused absences from school during the school year to visit college campuses.
- Parents must call the Attendance Office at least three (3) days prior to the visit and report “College Visit Day”.
- We encourage all seniors to complete their college visits prior to April 15.



# Final Reminders

- Senior year courses and grades matter!
- Some schools request 7th semester transcripts.
- All offers of admissions are conditional upon successful completion of coursework.
- Offers of admission can and will be revoked for a decline in grades.



# New Events



The Parent Academy will be held 8 times throughout the 2021-22 school year on the following dates:

- August 24, 2021
- September 29, 2021
- October 27, 2021
- November 30, 2021
- January 25, 2022
- February 15, 2022
- March 16, 2022
- April 19, 2022

# Final Word

- Stay organized and plan ahead – you own this process!
- Keep your counselor informed.
- Watch for scholarship opportunities.
- May 1 – National Commitment Day!
- Graduation – Tuesday, May 24.







# THANK YOU!

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